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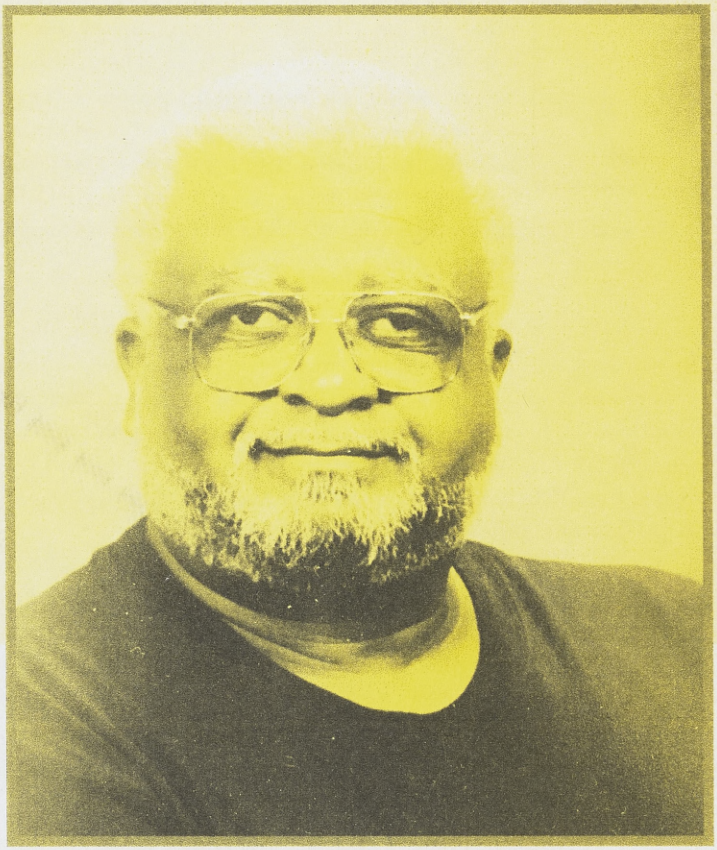

Eugene "Sonny" Keels

October 3, 1946 - April 7, 2018

OBITUARY

EUGENE "SONNY" KEELS was born in Berkeley, California on October 3, 1946 to Johnnie Keels and Willie Dolores Clark. He grew up in Richmond, California and graduated from Harry Ells High School in 1965. He went to trade school to become an auto mechanic. His love for cars continued throughout his life. In addition, Sonny worked at Del Monte Foods for quite some time. Sonny loved California and lived in many cities throughout the state, but he loved living around the mountains the best.

Sonny was fun-loving and could talk your ear off! No one was a stranger to him. He also had a nickname for just about everyone he met. Although a rebel-rouser in his younger years, he was easy-going and very charming. But make no mistake, if his feathers were ruffled he would let you know. Sonny was generous with what little he had and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Although he grew up attending the church of Christ, he wasn't baptized until 2001.

Family and friends were everything to Sonny. Around 2000, he moved to Florida to be with his daughter, Shauntell, her husband, Gale and their four children - Gale II, Jordan, Alexis and Brandon. In 2010 he married Wilma Young.

Sonny is survived by Wilma and her family, his sister, Gloria Keels Washington, his nieces Portia and Alaine Washington, his nephews David, Jr. and Ivan Washington, as well as a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, great nieces and nephews, and close friends (some of whom referred to him as their "Pops"). His magnetic smile and personality will be greatly missed.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIATING - Bro. Richard Nelson, IV, Elder

PROCESSIONAL SONG - Bro. Lindsey Baker, III
"We'll Sing Hallelujah By and By" (Special Selections pg 7)

WELCOME/CELEBRATION OF LIFE - Bro. Richard Nelson, IV

OPENING PRAYER - Bro. Lindsey Baker, Jr., Elder

CONGREGATIONAL SONG -Bro. Lindsey Baker, III
"When Morning Comes" (pg 985)

SCRIPTURE READING - Bro. Lenin Ferreras, Deacon

OLD TESTAMENT - Psalms 37:25-29

NEW TESTAMENT - John 14:1-3

CONGREGATIONAL SONG - Bro. Lindsey Baker, III
"I'll Be Listening" (pg 988)

REFLECTIONS (open to members, family and friends)
please limit to 2 minutes

CONGREGATIONAL SONG - Bro. Lindsey Baker, III
"Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" - (pg 973)

WORDS OF COMFORT -Bro. Gale Nelson, Minister, Elder & Son-In-Law

COMMITTAL - Bro. Gale Nelson

CLOSING PRAYER - Bro. Jack Smith

RECESSIONAL - "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" (pg 959)

REPAST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

EUGENE "SONNY" KEELS

POEM FROM THE BESS FAMILY - SONNY'S NEIGHBORS

The day you took your last breath the afternoon wind carried
the sweet sound of a few majestic birds.
Exchanging songs from limb to limb in some unfamiliar words.
Just as an excited bee is enticed by the beauty of a mysterious bloom
And since we're all gathered here today to celebrate you.
Lets fill this room with good memories, love, and laughter.
You can now Rest In Peace.

SPECIAL THANKS

Royal Funeral Services
To the elders, deacons, and saints from the Miami Gardens church of Christ.